

GERMAN FORCES BATTER THEMSELVES TO DEATH IN COUNTER ATTACKS

Bloodiest Day of the War Ends With Teutons Defeated All Along the Line

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

NEW YORK, May 12—Using poison gas wherever the wind made it possible and liquid fire on many other parts of the western front, the Germans all day yesterday battered themselves to death and defeat against the advanced positions occupied by the French and British. Assault after assault was made, each preceded by gas or fire and each hurled back until so many thousands had fallen that in places the gray clad bodies blocked the way of the charging soldiers.

The German defenders of the Siegfried line, under the German Crown Prince, attacked the French bitterly and at one time, following a liquid fire preliminary, the attackers gained a momentary foothold in the first line of the French defenses at Cerny en Lannois. Those Germans who reached these trenches, however, never returned, being either killed or captured by the counter attack launched by the French.

MELTED BEFORE MACHINE GUNS

Against the French at this point, throughout the afternoon, the Crown Prince threw wave after wave of infantry, the lines of which melted before the machine guns of Nivelle's men or were blasted into confusion by the supporting French artillery. At nightfall the French held all their gains and the net results for the Crown Prince were many thousand German dead and other thousands of German wounded, to help which is impossible for the stretcher men of either army.

ALONG THE WOTAN LINE

Along the Wotan line, the temporary defense of Douai and Cambrai, the Bavarian Crown Prince attacked the British throughout the day, desperately striving to wrest back the vital defensive points secured by the Canadians and English. The German artillery along this line has been very materially reinforced and a hail of shells screamed against the British lines throughout the morning, to be followed by the attacks of infantry masses during the afternoon.

At every point the Germans were thrown back with heavy losses.

BLOODIEST DAY OF THE WAR

South of the Senne River the German attacks were particularly persistent, their charges thrice bringing them close to the British lines, from which sheets of lead were poured into the advancing forces, against which no flesh and blood could stand.

The day was one of the bloodiest of all the bloody fighting along the western front and a day that has cost Germany more in dead and wounded than any other twenty-four hours of the great war.

PREPARING FOR NEW DRIVE

Throughout the day, while the French and British in the advanced positions they had taken on Thursday were throwing back the counter attacks of the Germans, the master strategists of the Allies were bringing up fresh regiments and more guns and supplies in anticipation of the German defeat and in readiness for the launching of new drives against the Teutons before they will have recovered from their losses.

BATTLE RAGES IN MACEDONIA

Another great battle raged along the Macedonian front all day yesterday, with the Entente on the aggressive along the greater portion of the battlefield. The British, holding the trenches they had won from the Bulgars near Lake Dorian, first beat back the Bulgar counter attacks, launched in the wildest fury, then resumed their offensive, the day ending with more trenches won and with a number of Bulgarian prisoners.

The French, south of Lake Dorian, stormed and captured important positions south of Huma, while twenty miles to the west the Serbs threw themselves against the Bulgars and captured two field works, taking many of the survivors of the field garrisons.

WHEAT PRICES ALARM TRADERS

Chicago Board of Trade Orders All Trading Stopped For Patriotic Reasons

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)
CHICAGO, May 12—Trading in May wheat was discontinued on the Chicago board of trade yesterday by orders of the directors. The action was taken according to a statement issued by the directors, for patriotic reasons. Before trading was discontinued, May wheat reached the record shattering price of \$2.15.

The board of directors announced that further trading in wheat, under present phenomenal conditions caused by the war, would cause a natural corner in the commodity.

Existing contracts, it is understood, will be adjudicated either by delivery of the wheat contracted for or on a price to be fixed by a committee that has been appointed for that purpose.

NO FORMAL TREATY BINDS UNCLE SAM

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)
WASHINGTON, May 11—The published report that the United States has entered into an agreement with the Entente Allies not to negotiate a separate peace with any of the Central Powers was today given absolute denial by Secretary of State Lansing.

RUSSIAN SOCIALISTS COMMISSION TO PETROGRAD NAMED

Accepts Delicate Task of Offering American Aid To Russian Popular Government

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But, inspired by the importance of the task set before him and realizing that the position is fully as patriotic as fighting in the trenches, Mr. Root took the plunge. He and his associates will soon be on their way to Russia.

Their task, officials admit, is delicate and extreme. On the face of it, the mission will be a visit of courtesy, but behind that will be a sincere desire to assist the Russian popular government in its admitted present perplexities.

In a diplomatic way these representatives of the United States will extend to the nearest democracy an offer of aid in rehabilitating Russia.

Russia's railroads are inadequate, the fact that their former German managers conspired to leave them faulty in time of need. The Americans will assist in putting the system "back on its feet" if Russia is willing.

It was also resolved at the executive session of the council to send a delegation of Russian Socialists to Stockholm, there to establish working relations with the Socialists of Scandinavia, and, if possible, meet delegates from the Socialist parties of all the nations.

A statement alleged to have originated here that the laborers at Schlessburg have gone on strike and are attempting to organize a separate Republic was denied yesterday by President Radzinsky, head of the provisional government. Radzinsky declared that he had made a thorough investigation and has discovered that rumors of that effect were without foundation.

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"ALLIES OF KAISER" LOBBYING AGAINST BILLS FOR CONTROL OF FOOD SUPPLY

Deserve the Loathing and Contempt of True Americans, Says Assistant Secretary

ACTION CONTRASTS WITH THAT OF MAJORITY

Vrooman Predicts Nation and State Boards To Prevent Gouging of Consumers

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, May 12—Men in the United States who, in the face of present and imminent results from the war with Germany, are gambling in food products, are "allies of the Kaiser" and should be made to feel the loathing and contempt of every patriotic American, said Carl Schurz Vrooman, United States assistant secretary of agriculture, in a formal statement issued here yesterday.

Vrooman in his statement scolded the food gamblers as disloyal and selfish men who are taking advantage of the exigencies caused by the war crisis with which the country is now confronted.

These food gamblers, said the assistant secretary of agriculture, some of them men of immense wealth, are already scheming and working to defeat the administration bills providing for governmental control of food stuffs.

A Possible Fear

The actions of these disloyal Americans, said Vrooman in his statement, are in striking and contemptible contrast to the attitude of most of the business men of the Nation. "Never," he said, "have the business men of America in general shown such patriotism, such selflessness as they are exhibiting today."

Vrooman declared that the food gamblers are already in Washington, lobbying against the passage of the bills by which the administration hopes to be able to conserve and increase the food products of the country.

Laws Will Curb Them

But, he predicted, their efforts will meet upon themselves, for, he prophesied, in due time there will be national and municipal legislation to curb the selfish activities of the men who gamble on the basis of the Nation's needs.

The navy came yesterday to the aid of the general government with an offer to assist in the transportation of food and other cargoes. It offered to the national shipping board the use of the naval auxiliary vessels Boston, Princeton and Iroquois to carry such cargoes as the shipping board would transport.

ELIX DIAS SHOT BY JEALOUS RIVAL

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

EL PASO, May 11—Reports reached here today that Gen. Felix Diaz has been shot and killed by General Calles because Diaz had taken supreme command of the revolutionaries.

GREAT BANQUET TO GUESTS OF NATION

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

NEW YORK, May 12—The greatest banquet in the history of Gotham was held last night by the City of New York to the distinguished visitors of an action in the British and French missions. The banquet was attended by two former Presidents, Taft and Roosevelt, and by the leading men of the city. The affair was given at the Waldorf-Astoria.

POTATOLESS MONTH IS PLAN OF CHICAGO CLUB

CHICAGO, May 11—The nation-wide campaign to make the month of May a "potatoleless" month was launched by the Hamilton Club, one of the most influential organizations in Chicago today. The club issued a statement asking hotels, restaurants, clubs and all the nation's "housewives" to refrain from eating spuds until the new crop comes in. Secretary of Agriculture Houston was urged by the club to spread the propaganda.

CHINESE POPULACE IS READY FOR WAR NOW

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

PEKING, May 11—After a riotous night of secret session, the Chinese house of representatives has not yet declared war on Germany.

The building was surrounded during the night and this morning by a mob demanding a war declaration and threatening violence if the troops are dispersed. Premier Yuan Kai Shi, who urged war, is accused of attempting to coerce the action of the house.

INTERNATIONAL BUYER TO HANDLE ALL THE BILLIONS OF THE ENTENTE POWERS

Practically All Christendom Will Spend Its Money Through the One Agency

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, May 12—A small commission, consisting possibly of just one man, to be the purchasing agent of practically all Christendom, with absolute power to purchase supplies as he pleases and at virtually the prices he thinks fair, is expected to be the outcome of an international agreement that is being drafted by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, following a momentous conference with the British, French and Italian envoys who are in the United States to arrange for America's participation in the war against Germany.

Never before in this history of the world has any one man, or any body of men, had such wide purchasing powers as the proposed agreement contemplates. The commission will spend literally billions of dollars in this country in the purchase of supplies for the United States and the Entente allies for carrying on the war against Prussianism.

COMPETITION WIPED OUT

Through the creation of the proposed commission, of possibly one man, competition will be completely eliminated. It will be the purchasing agent for every great nation in the world, with the exception of the Teutonic allies.

The age-old producing and sales combinations will be completely upset by the creation of the purchasing commission. Always before the seller has been the dominant factor in commerce. Within general limits it has been he who fixed prices.

ON THE OTHER FOOT

Under the commission this will be changed; the buyer will control, for the buyer will be one man, or at most a commission of a very few men, and everything for the use of the principal governments of the world will be bought by and through him. Consequently he will be in a position to dictate prices.

Notwithstanding this, no formal price fixing is contemplated in the agreement which Secretary McAdoo is drawing up. It is felt that the matter of prices will automatically adjust itself with the creation of a commission of such wide powers as those contemplated in the agreement.

TREASURER REPORTS ON CITY'S FINANCES

Receipts For April \$63,993.67 and \$56,253.43 Disbursed

According to the April report of City Treasurer D. L. Conkling, made to the supervisors last night there were at the end of last month unrecorded registered warrants standing against the city amounting to \$177,487.44. During April registered warrants to the amount of \$20,548.44 were collected.

The net result of the month's operations was a decrease in the city's debt of \$11,511.12; permanent improvement fund, \$5182.43; road tax funds, \$13,515.73; school funds, \$18,554.15; sewer works, \$16,086.88; Special Kokakam, \$10,085.73; Special Beretania, \$2,061.10. The last two items refer to the funds covering the work on two improvement districts.

The treasurer's report showed that the total receipts during April amounted to \$63,993.67 while the disbursements amounted to \$56,253.43. At the end of April there was a cash balance to the city's credit of \$23,642.43.

MORE NEUTRALS FEEL SUBMARINE BLOWS

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

LONDON, May 11—The Norwegian steamers Tiger and Leikanger have been sunk by German submarines off Brazil.

Can't Enjoy the Children

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

A mother who suffers from kidney trouble finds it hard to keep up her daily work. Lame, aches, sharp pains when stooping and sick "blue" nervous or dizzy spells make home life dreary. Active kidneys bring back vigor, health and a pleasure in family duties. Thousands of women say that Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and shoekeepers at 50c a box (six for \$2.50) or will be mailed on receipt of price by the Hollister Drug Co., Benson, Smith & Co., agents for the Hawaiian Islands.—Advertisement.

When Your Back is Lame—Remember the Name. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Backache Kidney Pills and take no other. Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and shoekeepers at 50c a box (six for \$2.50) or will be mailed on receipt of price by the Hollister Drug Co., Benson, Smith & Co., agents for the Hawaiian Islands.—Advertisement.

The Yordani also warned what it called "the powers that be" and declared guardedly that the wrath directed against the reactionaries behind the Russian throne should serve as a warning to "any political outfit who might be tempted to disregard the will of the people."

What form a popular progress movement would take in this country is hard to foresee, but its first manifestation would presumably be a demand for an extension of the practice which is now extremely limited